

To Go To Church Sunday

Movement For Money Is Big Project Of Churches

Thousands of Protestant Laymen Will Get Together in March, Name Committees and Urge Their Congregation Members to Give Better Support; Episcopalians Mithdraw From the Project; the Catholics Have Big Missionary Plans.

in parish churches of Rome, some of which have been in need of restoration. In Paris and Vienna, Austria, ideas are being adopted in parish management in some measure and tremendous progress is making in both cities and throughout all of France.

CHURCH UNITY PLANS TO BE PUSHED VIGOROUSLY

Church unity plans, both through the (commissions and through the Federal council of churches, are to be pushed vigorously during the year. There just sailed for England three high commissioners, representing various Congregational and one Disciple of Christ, to labor with English and Scotch free church people to interest them in the unity movement. There are in unity plans that have their incentive in this country. Old Catholics, Waldensian and other little known churches, are being invited to be coming to unity plans. The federal council carries out wishes of all Protestant churches in getting ready, during this year, for Christian work in the Panama exposition.

**EPISCOPALIANS CONSECrating
NEW MEXICO BISHOP**

Episcopalians are consecrating this month and next new bishops for New Mexico and North Dakota. They have just consecrated one for Porto Rico and will soon do so for West Texas. Vacant districts now are Nevada, Snake and Colo., and early this year steps are to be taken to fill them. Selection of names of provinces is going on. There are to be eight of them.

Banquets are in the united campaign in March, but they are also spending the first three or four months of the year on the Judson campaign.

There has, too, been celebration of

Furna the 100th anniversary of the
 founding of Baptist work there by
 Rev. Dr. Adoniram Judson. This an-
 niversary is to be observed in Amer-
 ica by the founding of a memorial un-
 der the direction of the Baptist for-
 eign society.

**UNITED BRETHREN TO HOLD
 CONVENTION AT DAYTON**

United Brethren have in hand a mas-
 sive convention patterned after one ju-

held by Methodists. Its time and place are May and Dayton, respectively. Methodists will give the year to real estate, business, and the traditional old-fashioned convention, which they declare are many, and in far larger measure than ever before in recent years will devote time and energy to revival on the old-fashioned plan. United Brethren have nearly the same projects in hand for the year, with the additional one of anti-slavery, which Methodists Protestants. The old line Methodists north and south have also some unity plans which they will pursue during the year now opening.

**CONGREGATIONALISTS AND
PRESBYTERIANS ACTIVE**

With a new and semiofficial machinery, and a new secretary to lead them, Congregationalists are putting national affairs into vigorous shape, expecting to fix all complex within the year. Presbyterians named a committee on eugenics and uniform divorce laws, and will perfect a social service organization at their general assembly in May. Disciples of Christ will for a second time hold a convention with elected delegates. The first

before the change is accomplished and will be a real disaster. In addition, after the October convention meeting, Lutherns have some untidy plans, but find them to work out slowly.

FEVER FOR BIG CONVENTIONS SEEMS TO HAVE PASSED

Gathering experience by the laymen, missionary and men and religion movements, the fever for big conventions seems to have passed. This does not, of course, apply to conventions meeting for business purposes, but to those held to arouse religious fervor. The district South, for example, held the

This year will, however, be singularly lacking in other big conventions or movements. From those recently held there is a reaction, and in their place constructive work is being carried on in the local churches. Anybody projecting a movement, with attendant big conventions, would this year get cold reception. Better methods, more detailed work, closer touch with real projects, these are the plans of the churches for 1914.

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ing in full orbed life when we are only developing features of it. Without attendance upon the services of the church one is almost sure to become abnormal. Some cease to aspire, to hope to "rise and descend to the lower levels of animal life. Some grow old and feeble and shrewd. Some become esthetic and artistic in disposition.

normal. It takes the church with its associations and its appeal to lift the whole man into relation with the infinite, to synthesize and direct his powers of body, mind and soul, his affections and his will.


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